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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to energy efficiency programs in institutions of higher
1-9 education and certain governmental entities.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subsections (c), (d), and (e), Section 388.005,
1-12 Health and Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-13 (c) Each political subdivision, institution of higher
1-14 education, or state agency shall establish a goal to reduce the
1-15 electric consumption by the entity by at least five percent each
1-16 state fiscal year for 10 [~~six~~] years, beginning September 1, 2011
1-17 [~~2007~~].

1-18 (d) A political subdivision, institution of higher
1-19 education, or state agency that does not attain the goals
1-20 established under Subsection (c) must include in the report
1-21 required by Subsection (e) justification that the entity has
1-22 already implemented all available measures. [~~An entity that~~
1-23 ~~submits a report under this subsection indicating it has already~~
1-24 ~~implemented all available measures is exempt from the annual~~
1-25 ~~reporting requirement of Subsection (e) if a subsequent report~~
1-26 ~~would indicate no change in status. An entity may be required to~~
1-27 ~~provide notice that it is exempt to the State Energy Conservation~~
1-28 ~~Office.]~~

1-29 (e) A political subdivision, institution of higher
1-30 education, or state agency annually shall report to the State
1-31 Energy Conservation Office, on forms provided by that office,
1-32 regarding the entity's goal, the entity's efforts to meet the goal,
1-33 and progress the entity has made under this section. The State
1-34 Energy Conservation Office shall provide assistance and
1-35 information to the entity to help the entity meet [~~the~~] goals
1-36 established [~~set~~] under this section. The office must develop and
1-37 make available a standardized form for reporting purposes.

1-38 SECTION 2. Section 388.006, Health and Safety Code, is
1-39 amended to read as follows:

1-40 Sec. 388.006. STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION OFFICE EVALUATION.
1-41 The State Energy Conservation Office annually shall provide the
1-42 commission and the laboratory with an evaluation of the
1-43 effectiveness of state and political subdivision energy efficiency
1-44 programs, including programs under this chapter. The laboratory
1-45 shall calculate, based on the evaluation and the forms submitted to
1-46 the office, the amount of energy savings and estimated reduction in
1-47 pollution achieved as a result of the implementation of programs.
1-48 The laboratory shall share the information with the commission, the
1-49 United States Environmental Protection Agency, and the Electric
1-50 Reliability Council of Texas to help with long-term forecasting and
1-51 in estimating pollution reduction.

1-52 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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